

2nd Grade Scoop

Sept. 24-28, 2012

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West Central Elementary

Character Education

The Character Education word for September is: Responsibility.

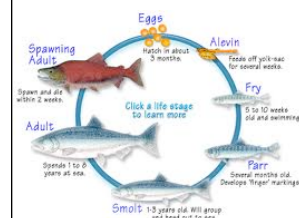
Responsibility is doing what needs to be done. It also means being reliable and dependable. Responsibility is being trustworthy and reliable. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about the dinosaur world and life cycles

Vocabulary Words:

herbivores, carnivores, cycles



Math

This week we will be working with tables, graphs, and taking surveys. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

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Just a reminder:

Homework is:

*Study spelling words

*Read for 20 minutes every night

*Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction

*Practice writing short stories

*Practice fluency sheets

*Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night

Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are original, fun, and thought-provoking. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair."

Spelling

The students are working on spelling words with long vowels this week. (a, a-e, i, i-e, o-e). We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.



Dates to Remember:

September 28 -

Homecoming Parade

September 28 - Trojan Buck Store

October 2 - Bookmobile

October 3 - Walk to School Day

October 8 - No School

Phonics & Grammar

*Genre: Non-Fiction, and connect prior knowledge

Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

"Lights, Camera, Action"

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension skills,

predicting, and

author's message,

realistic fiction, and

author's purpose.

Independent Reading and A.R. Tests

Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are: finally, through, everything, hundred, sometimes, special eight (review words)

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are:

excitable, positive, positive, flutters, selected, penalty, career, position (review words)

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. **Writing**

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the

correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. **Bullying Contract:** I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"When You Can Read" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Who Has Seen the Wind" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it.

Listening Center

Stories:

"Neighborhood News" By Cynthia Ryland

Genre: Reader's Theater

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: **already, eight, everything, finally, guess, hundred, prove, sometimes, special**

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

September Snacks

24 - Mrs. S.

25 - Riley

26 - Peter & Jacob

27 - Madison

21 - Alison &

Emily

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Fluency Sheets - Please practice the Fluency Sheet with your child every night (if possible). These are the ones I send home on Mondays with their spelling list, and the Newsletter. Please time your child for 1 minute to see how far they can get. Then ask them about the story. These strategies are great for fluency and comprehension. Thank you so much!

Quotes of the Week-

"Information is the currency of democracy!." Ralph Nader

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire!" Roger Levin

West Central Mission Statement: "To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world." **West Central Hartford Elementary Mission Statement:** "Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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